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Honorable Dillon Anderson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Anderson:

This concerns the letter of 31 July 1955 addressed to the President from [redacted] and delivered to your office. [redacted] has raised in his letter certain basic questions concerning the propriety of the clandestine operations of the Central Intelligence Agency. [redacted] questions direct themselves to the basic philosophy of the United States engaging in cold war operations to counter those of the Communist Bloc.

As you are aware, the charter of the Central Intelligence Agency for engaging in cold war operations has been laid down by the National Security Council. This charter was issued only after the most careful consideration and with the increasing awareness that the Communist Bloc through clandestine operations was winning the cold war. Since the time that this charter was issued in 1948, not only has the expansion of Communism been stopped, but in certain instances freedom has been restored.

We suggest that you grant [redacted] an interview for the purpose of indicating that the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency are carefully prescribed by the highest authority in the United States. Perhaps it would be wise to indicate to this individual that he may find his work in the Central Intelligence Agency incompatible with some of his beliefs. I believe that it also should be indicated to [redacted] that there are channels of appeal available to him within the Central Intelligence Agency, and that he can discuss his problem in greater detail with the Inspector General of the Agency.

We greatly appreciate your bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

substantial progress has been made in developing techniques to deal with Communist subversive activities abroad

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